

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 144587
ORIGIN EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 COME-00 STR-07 HUD-01 ICA-11
LAB-04 INT-05 EUR-12 AGRE-00 /059 R

DRAFTED BY EB/OT/TA:JRCUNNINGHAM
APPROVED BY EB/OT/TA:HKOPP
USDOC:DBUSSINGER (DRAFT)
USDOC:JMCELROY (DRAFT)
STR:DCOOPER
EA/J:HCOCHRAN

-----104223 080527Z /23

R 072212Z JUN 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 144587

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:ETRD, JA, EPAP

SUBJECT: SUS FOLLOW UP - FOREST PRODUCTS MISSION

REF: TOKYO 10182

1. BASED ON REFTEL AND PREVIOUS THE SCHEDULE FOR FOREST
PRODUCTS MISSION HAS BEEN FIXED AS FOLLOWS:

-TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - ALL DAY DEVOTED TO OFFICIAL TALKS.
JAPANESE INDUSTRY GROUP WILL SCHEDULE THEMSELVES.

-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - MORNING NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS
ASSOCIATION (MAY INCLUDE HOME BUILDERS ASSN.) - INDUSTRY
GROUP MAY ATTEND OR NOT AS DESIRED. AFTERNOON - HUD -
INDUSTRY GROUP MAY ATTEND OR NOT AS DESIRED. 4:30
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 144587

DEPART NATIONAL AIRPORT FOR MADISON.

-THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AT FOREST PRODUCTS LAB (FPL).

-SUNDAY, JUNE 25 ARRIVE BOISE - GOVERNOR WILL PROBABLY
OFFER RECEPTION THAT EVENING.

-MONDAY, JUNE 26 - DAY IN BOISE DEPART 5:30 FOR SEATTLE.
(WASHINGTON OFFICIALS PREFER GROUP STAY NEAR SEATAC AIRPORT
AT SHERATON OR HAYATT HOUSE.)
-, ESDAY, JUNE 27 SLATLE

-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 - HALF DAY IN WASHINGTON ARRIVE
PORTLAND MIDDAY. OREGON OFFICIALS PREFER GROUP STAY
AT BENSON HOTEL OR IF NOT POSSIBLE AT JANTZEN BEACH/
THUNDERBIRD.

-THURSDAY, JUNE 29 PORTLAND. DEPARTURE AT 8:20 P.M. ON
WESTERN AIRLINES FOR VANCOUVER. (OREGON
OFFICIALS HAVE SCHEDULED GROUP UNTIL FLIGHT TIME.)

2. TO FOCUS TALKS WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING GENERAL OBJLCTIVE.

A. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FOREST PRODUCTS DISCUSSIONS IS
TO EXPAND AND UPGRADE TRADE IN FOREST PRODUCTS BETWEEN
JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES AS SPECIFIED IN THE STRAUSS-
USHIBA JOINT STATEMENT OF JANUARY 13, 1978. TO ACHIEVE
THIS GENERAL OBJECTIVE THIS MISSION SEEKS TO RESOLVE
QUICKLY THE OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM
DIFFERENCES IN LUMBER AND PLYWOOD STANDARDS AND GRADING
RULES AND TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET FOR
FOREST PRODUCTS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 144587

3. TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED WE HAVE
SCREENED THE 22 ITEMS LISTED IN MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD
IN TOKYO ON MARCH 6 AND 7 AND PROPOSE TO DISCUSS THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE ORDER GIVEN. WE DO NOT INTEND TO
BREAK BETWEEN MOC AND MAF ISSUES.

A. CHANGES IN JAPANLSE STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO WANE
AND SPIKE KNOTS. FYI: INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT EXPECT
GOJ TO ANNOUNCE CHANGE IN THEIR STANDARD TO HARMONIZE
WITH US STANDARD. IF THIS IS NOT DONE MOST US PARTI-
CIPANTS WILL HAVE DOUBTS AS TO SERIOUSNESS OF GOJ EFFORT
TO MEET SUS COMMITMENT. END FYI.

B. DISCUSSION OF PLYWOOD STANDARDS. IN MARCH GOJ
INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF
THESE STANDARDS. WE PROPOSE TO RAISE THIS MATTER AT
"OFFICIAL"LEVEL THEN MOVE TECHNICAL TALKS TO FPL.

C. REVIEW OF HONDA PROPOSAL - US INDUSTRY HAS INDICATED
THEY DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL. THIS WILL
BE OFFICIALLY DISCUSSED WITH GOJ.

D. DISCUSSION OF JAPAN AGRICULTURAL STANDARD (JAS)
MARK - THE US CONTINUES TO SEEK LIBERALIZATION OF THIS
REQUIREMENT AND WISHES TO RAISE ISSUE TO PREVENT ASSUMP-
TION THAT US HAS ACCEPTED JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW. WE
EXPECT ONLY A SHORT DISCUSSION UNLESS JAPANESE CAN
PROPOSE NEW CONCESSION.

E. RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT - WE WOULD LIKE A FURTHER
REPORT BY GOJ.

F. JAPANESE HOUSING CORPORATION: HAS THERE BEEN ANY
CHANGE IN CORPORATION RULES TO PERMIT GOVERNMENT
FINANCING OF PLATFORM FRAME CONSTRUCTION (PFC)?

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 144587

G. REVIEW OF HOUSING TRENDS IN JAPAN.

H. IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL US EXPORTS - WE HOPE
TO DISCUSS "MARRIAGE" PROPOSAL THAT IS USE OF US LUMBER
SIZES IN TRADITIONAL STYLE HOMES - DISCUSSIONS OF THIS
ISSUE WILL CONTINUE IN P.N.W.

I. REPORTS BY BOTH SIDES ON TWO-TIER PRICING IN JAPAN.

J. TESTING OF 3 STORY TOWNHOUSES - PROGRESS REPORT BY
GOJ WITH FURTHER DISCUSSION AT FOREST PRODUCTS LAB.

K. REVIEW OF DATA ON HOME CONSTRUCTION COSTS IN US, IF
NEEDED.

L. REPORT ON MOC STUDY OF COSTS OF PFC IN JAPAN.

M. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED US-CANADIAN-JAPANESE
COMMISSION ON LUMBER TRADE.

N. JOINT HOUSING COMMITTEE - DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS
IN DETERMINING FEASIBILITY OF USG PARTICIPATION.

O. DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF US FOREST PRODUCTS AND RELIA-
BILITY OF U.S. INDUSTRY. - TO BE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE
VISIT.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING THIS PROPOSAL
WITH GOJ AND REPORTING THEIR REACTION. WE ALSO NEED
MORE DETAILS ON PARTICIPANTS, THE FIRMS THEY REPRESENT
AND THE PROPOSED ITINERARY. WE THANK EMBASSY FOR THEIR
EFFORTS TO DATE IN WORKING WITH A DIFFICULT MISSION.

VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 05 STATE 144587

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FORESTRY, ITINERARY, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE144587
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JRCUNNINGHAM
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780239-0126
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780684/aaaacurq.tel
Line Count: 175
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 78d2cc8f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 TOKYO 10182
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2448719
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SUS FOLLOW UP - FOREST PRODUCTS MISSION
TAGS: ETRD, EPAP, JA, US
To: TOKYO
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/78d2cc8f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014